

The Times-Herald

VOL. XXXVII

BURNS, HARNEY COUNTY, OREGON, JUNE 14 1924

NO. 32

LAYING STEEL CRANE=BURNS NEXT WEEK

Equipment and Work Force Assembling to Start Track Laying on Extension at Once

PIONEER ASSOCIATION

HOLD REUNION TODAY

Old Timers Program Includes Speeches, Music, Picnic Dinner, Sports, Dancing.

The program is arranged for the gathering of the Harney County Pioneers at their annual reunion today. It is hoped the weather may prove favorable and that the old timers may again have their usual good time and have a happy visit with each other. The dinner is going to be well served and of a character that will tempt the appetite of everybody.

One thing that will mar the pleasure of the day is that William Hanley, the president of the association, is ill at San Francisco and unable to be present. However, the best wishes of the pioneers will go to Mr. Hanley with the wish for a speedy recovery.

W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will be honor guest of the occasion at this reunion, coming to us from his busy life with inspiration and beneficial suggestions as to bettering our conditions. Mr. Dodson is one of the able men of this state and has led a most active career from the time he enlisted as a volunteer in the Spanish-American war which was followed by newspaper activity and association with the civic and improvement bodies of this state. Mr. Dodson was a resident of Harney county at one time and has never lost his interest with the problems of this big territory, nor has he ever overlooked an opportunity to give aid whenever the time permitted. He has never turned down an appeal from his friends in this section when his service were solicited in furthering the development of this section. Mr. Dodson played no small part in getting the timber and railroad activity started that is now nearing realization.

Local speakers and entertainers will also appear on the program and the day will be filled with enjoyment for the men and women who have lived in this county for so many years. These pioneers now number into the hundreds. At the time the association was formed there were many less but each year more are added to the roster, as all who have resided in the county for 30 years or more are eligible to membership. We now have several "babies" to add each year.

The program is so arranged that it is hoped the principal numbers may all be given before the lunch hour. It is suggested that the picnic dinner be prepared for serving at 1 o'clock instead of at 12 as originally planned, thus giving time for all the business and speakers before.

An interesting program by the children has been arranged for the afternoon, either to precede or follow the sports.

The sports committee have provided several contests to be competed for by the pioneers with suitable prizes given for each event by some pioneer firm.

In the evening a free dance is provided for the visitors at Tonawama where old time music and the old time dances will be in order. It is hoped to have a number of fiddlers present to furnish the music.

There will be the usual picture program at the Liberty Theatre for those who desire to attend it. Thomas Meighan will be seen on the screen in "Woman Proof." This is a good picture with some very laughable situations.

Program Pioneer Re-Union

- 9:30 A. M.
- Call to order.....William Hanley
- Community Singing.....America
- Invocation.....Mrs. E. B. Reed
- Quartet.....Byrd, Leonard, Welcome, Byrd.
- Address of Welcome, Mayor, W. E. Huston.
- Orchestra Selection, Welcome, Foley, Caldwell, Reed, Welcome, Reed, Miller.
- Vocal Solo.....Clarence Luckey
- Address.....W. D. B. Dodson
- Vocal Solo.....Marjorie Clark

Old Fashioned Recitation, Mrs. Geo. Fry.

- Vocal Solo.....Dell Hayes
- Piano Solo.....Raymond Voegtly
- Address.....H. M. Horton
- Duet.....Mrs. and Miss Leonard
- Vocal Solo.....Chas. B. Foley
- Address.....Judge Grant Thompson
- Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Nollie F. Reed
- The Happy Valley Tragedy, Read by James J. Donegan.
- Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Alfred C. Welcome
- Election of Officers
- Community Singing, Auld Lang Syne
- Program for afternoon during or after the sports.
- Song and dance.....Darrell Williams
- Whistling Solo.....Margaret Welcome
- Song.....Norma Smith
- Old Time Dance, Dorothy Leonard, Doris Hotchkiss.
- Song.....Vertoile Richardson
- Duet, June Thompson, Arlena Jameson.
- Sports.
- Night, pioneer dance.

'62 CELEBRATION

Whiskey Gulch, June 9th, 1924.
Mr. Julian Byrd, Camp Harney, Ore.

Dear Partner:
Have not had a chance to write to you for nearly a year now. As Louie Woldenburg is going to take the mail over there will send you a line. Hope that you get it this time. The last time Louie went over the Indians caught him and scalped him and he was left for dead. He is all right now and don't seem to be afraid to go.

Our claims look fine yet, have worked out one of them and hope that you got your returns for part from the Wells Fargo people in The Dalles. I have continued to send it in there in preference to holding it here with the chance of robbery. I don't see why you won't come over and help move our derrick wheel down on the lower claim. It is hard to get labor here now. I hired two fellows the other day and they both quit as soon as they had an ounce of dust a piece. One was a Geo. Cawfield and the other one I have forgotten his name, they were both from the Narrows some where down south, both had that southern dialect and were good judges of whiskey, they didn't seem to care much about the quality but at that. They were mighty good fellows but did not like to stick in one place too long I guess.

I still have the rest of the old crew, Grover Jameson, Ernest Music and Charlie Loggan. They still spend all their dust and show up broke every Monday morning. The dance halls got their goat for a fact. I will say for them though that they spend their time in the more decent of the two balls, the upper one, as you know is pretty high class.

A fellow by the name of Ben Brown is here and going to start a store I understand. He is a fine appearing man and acts like he meant business, says he will cut prices which is good news to the hotel here. Fifty dollars a sack for flour is sure some price.

Waldo Geer, Archie McGowan and Nollie Reed, the young fellows who have the claims next to ours have had some kind of a row, I think it was over that little girl who waits on table in Jakes Place. I think that Archie was out of it but tried to separate the other two and after they had both hit him a few times he got mad too and they all got skinned up considerable. They are all working together now again and I understand the girl married a fellow by the name of Cozad, Rodney I think is his first name, you no doubt remember him as he works for Ike Renaud in the store. That will settle the row between the partners I guess.

The miners are going to have some kind of a celebration here in June 19-20-21 and if you can get hold of Barnes, Donagan and some of the rest of the bunch, wish you would bring them over.

Hoping to see you soon, I am
I. B. HAZELTINE

E. A. Wimp, of Redmond, is again in Burns. He was here a few weeks ago and was favorably impressed with the prospects of casting his lot with us and now he contemplates remaining. Mr. Wimp is an electrician.

INTERESTING PUMPING DEMONSTRATION MADE

Feasibility of Method for Irrigation Proven by Test on H. J. Hansen Place Thursday.

An interesting pumping demonstration is being conducted at the H. J. Hansen farm adjoining town. Fred Goyt of the Burns Garage is supervising it and the demonstration has proven of vast benefit in what may be done with pumping for irrigation.

A Fordson tractor is used for power with a six-inch centrifugal pump raising water 14 feet from the excavation made at the gravel pit. The water is pumped at the rate of 1200 gallons a minute and it comes out with a good head covering a large acreage. Its feasibility is assured from a test covering 16 hours. The water was lowered considerable at first but there is an abundance for the purpose and the plant is capable of taking care of at least 200 acres.

It is estimated that such a plant would cost in the neighborhood of \$4.50 an acre figuring depreciation, interest on the investment, fuel, etc. Mr. Hansen is well pleased with the showing made and the experiment has been witnessed by many who are interested in this method of irrigation who are encouraged.

There is a vast acreage in this valley that could be irrigated by this plan.

CHAUTAUQUA MEETING NEXT TUESDAY AT LIBERTY

An attempt to hold a meeting of the guarantors for the coming Chautauqua at the Liberty Theatre last Tuesday evening was not successful as but few were present. The time is short in which to organize and get the ticket sale started, therefore it is important that the guarantors and all others interested attend a meeting called for next Tuesday evening at 7:30 to make a permanent organization for this season. Please remember this meeting.

M. J. Comegys was a visitor to our town during this week.

TULE FIRE PLAYS HAVOC AROUND MALHEUR LAKE

Flames Break Out Afresh After Smouldering for Weeks and Destroy More Hay.

The fire that started several weeks ago and resulted in burning over a big area of territory on the south border of Malheur lake, destroying much hay and pasture and also consuming several ranch houses and barns, has broken out again this week and done more damage.

The exceedingly dry season is responsible for the lake not filling up as is usual in ordinary years, thus leaving the peat soil very dry and it is almost impossible to put out a fire when once started without flooding and this is impossible this season. The original fire is reported to have been of incendiary origin by some spiteful person and it has proven disastrous to many ranches bordering the lake as it has not only destroyed much hay that is needed for next winter, but also burned the soil to such an extent that it is worthless for an indefinite time.

From information received yesterday it is found the fire has covered an area of at least twenty miles one way by eight the other. It has been subdued in the vicinity of Narrows but has spread east toward Lawen and has consumed much hay and threatens more, although the situation is reported better at the time this is written Friday. There are a number of men now fighting fire and good results are being had. The Pacific Live Stock Co. has placed a large number of men in the Swan lake section and with favorable weather conditions it is hoped to subdue the flames and keep the fire within bounds. However, should a high wind again prevail it is likely to spread over a great area and do much damage.

Just last week two rancher stockmen of the lake neighborhood are reported to have said they were "sitting pretty" with plenty of hay for the coming winter and some to spare. Today these two men are without any hay and no prospect for new hay this season because of lack of water for the meadows.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Calvin Coolidge was nominated for president at the republican national convention at Cleveland on Thursday. Senator Kenyon of Iowa and Senator Watson of Indiana had been formerly placed before the convention as candidates for vice president but no vote taken. Up to the time this is written Friday afternoon, no word had been received as to who has been chosen to run with Coolidge.

JOHNSON-PARKER

The marriage of Leroy Johnson and Miss Marie Parker last Saturday evening was a union of two of the oldest pioneer families in Harney county. Leroy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson while his bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Parker. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. W. Shaver of the Nazarene church and the wedding took place at the home of Leroy's sister, Mrs. H. A. Pickens. Only the parents of the two and Mr. and Mrs. Pickens witnessed the ceremony.

Leroy is a member of The Times-Herald staff where he is becoming quite proficient in the mechanical department; his bride attended the Harney county high school last year and is a very attractive young lady.

Owing to the boss having made all arrangements to be absent from the shop for a portion of this week Leroy and his bride did not take an extended honeymoon trip, as he felt he should be on the job, therefore they only went to the ranch home of his parents over the weekend. The wedding was something of a surprise to the boss as he knew nothing of the affair until afterwards, otherwise he might have given him a little laxoff.

The young couple are making arrangements to begin housekeeping at once in this city.

Mrs. Chas. Clark, formerly Miss Clarinda Darsey, was given a shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reed Thursday evening where a number of her school friends assembled. She received a nice lot of presents. Refreshments were served.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO BOISE FIRM TO DO WORK

Plan Celebration When Line Completed to Burns; Date Some Time in July.

The Times-Herald has definite information that the laying of steel between Crane and Burns will begin next week. The Morrison-Knutson Co., general railroad contractors of Boise, have been awarded the contract.

While the bulletins have been posted for a work train out of Crane on Monday morning, it is possible that the assembling of equipment may not allow for active work to begin on that date but assurances are given that the steel will be placed on the grade some time during the week.

This is certainly encouraging news to the citizens of this big country as it will at once silence the idle gossip of uncertainty that has caused so much anxiety in the past few weeks and people will take heart. The improvements, both public and private, that have been held in abeyance will start with vigor and the people will be ready to get behind activities that will tend to make Burns a better town. The mills will be erected as soon as practical after transportation is provided to bring in the material necessary.

The grading will become active on up toward the timber with the completion of the rails to Burns, the track being laid up to the point where it is desired to use the steam shovel.

The same equipment will likely be kept on the job after the steel is laid to Burns, including the housing quarters, which it is understood will be of the box car type, thus furnishing comfortable quarters for crews during the cold weather this winter when work will be prosecuted.

Unavoidable circumstances and incidents have been responsible for the delay in starting this work up to the present time, but these have all been overcome and now the laying of steel will go forward.

Just how long it will require to complete this work to Burns has not been ascertained, but it will be known soon when it is the intention of the citizens of Burns to arrange for a celebration when prominent men from all over the country will be invited to our town to help make it a memorable occasion. This will be given detailed attention at the proper time.

It has been decided to forego any celebration of the 4th of July as has been the custom for so many years. The Chautauqua dates are July 7-12 and this was another reason for not having a celebration on the 4th, coming so close.

RILEY-THORNBURG

The wedding of Harry Riley and Miss Hilda Thornburg was solemnized last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thornburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Waterhouse of the Baptist church in the presence of the immediate family of the bride.

Mr. Riley came here last year from Bend and has since had charge of the repair department of the Service Garage. He is an experienced mechanic and is preparing to open a new garage in the immediate future, having secured the local representation of the Oldsmobile.

His bride is a charming young lady who has been attending the Harney county high school. She is a member of one of the oldest pioneer families in this section.

The newlyweds left Monday morning in their car by way of Bend for Portland where they will attend the Rose festival and expect to be home soon in this city.

Cal Clemens and little son are here from Pendleton visiting with home folks and looking after business matters.

WITH SATTERFIELD AT CLEVELAND



Cal Clemens and little son are here from Pendleton visiting with home folks and looking after business matters.